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## PROGRESS AND PERIL.

We copy in another column an extract from the article in the *Journal of Commerce* on the peril of electric machinery.

That paper is a high authority, and when it recites the daily record of disasters, and the growing risks of using electricity, we begin to feel like the ancient myth of the man who was bound to the rock to punish him for stealing Jove's lightning. It is inevitably convenient to use electricity, but if the *Journal of Commerce* is right we establish a system of mechanical contrivance that is dangerous and startling.

The genius of the present age for mechanical invention is so audacious that it will try any new idea at any hazard but with all due contempt for the old fogy, we can see every day that we go too fast and with too little care. When we run fifty miles an hour on a railway train, it is safe enough under certain conditions; but one of the conditions is to make less money for the railroad king and have a double track and a sufficient number of competent men at every point.

The people of this country are so bent on business and money-making that they forget the wrongs they suffer, and are not aware to the piratical politics under which they subsist in a supposed free country. They do not appreciate the fact that they pay twice the proper price for the necessary articles of life, from a tin plate to a hat, and they fall utterly to take a critical glance at the enormity of cutting off the manufacturing genius of America from the great markets of the world by taxing the raw materials with which the American artisan should work.

We pretend to have free popular education and teach the children vastly more than they are capable of learning, but still the popular mind is grossly ignorant of the active elements of American citizenship, the rights of the citizen, his privileges, and his opportunities.

We will run mad over a new invention in electricity, and speculate with all the wild cat credit we can get, but all the time the productive industry of America is clogged and mangled by the worst and most inexcusable tyranny that a free country has ever endured.

There is one thing, however, quite certain, and that is the inevitable downfall and disgrace of the party that puts this wrong on us.

## NEGRO OR WHITE MAN.

Governor Fitz Lee says that of the \$340,000 paid by the State for educating the negroes over 90 per cent. is paid by the white people.

That is a salient fact.

The white Democrats give the money to educate the negroes, and the negroes vote with Mahone to ruin and disgrace the State.

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The Northern people are coming down South with their capital, and in every neighborhood in the South there is the feeling of a practical and business development of the natural resources of the country.

It is no longer a sectional question between the negro and the white man. It is a question that the whole country must take hold of, and we are called on to decide whether the rich resources of the South are to be left to rot under the horrible misrule of such men as Mahone and other negro leaders, or whether civilization and progress and development are to obtain.

The negro may have the majority, but if he had a hundred to one the white man must rule.

This is not Africa.

The Tanner episode has involved the President in a sum of difficulty and unpopularity. He cannot get out of it to save his life without simply turning in the whole Government and himself to the G. A. R.

That body of patriots demand all the surplus and more besides, and cannot be denied that it will bring before the country an issue of taxation as important as that of tariff.

The people of the United States are immensely patriotic, and they want to see all the disabled veterans pensioned, but when it comes to making a list of over a million we wonder if the people will be taxed that far, in the Tanner plan of inventing a case irrespective of truth and service for every fraud who claims to have caught lumbago or toothache on account of a substitute's service.

## NEGRO COLONIZATION.

The subject of negro colonization is attracting very considerable attention just now, especially in the North, and in some of the Southern States. The American citizens of African descent--possibly induced thereto by Northern outraged millers--are passing resolutions in favor of emigrating to some favored locality, where they may enjoy, as they express it, their rights and privileges as citizens with greater freedom and protection. In view of this position of the colored man and brother, the new Duchess of Marlborough has gone in extensively for dog raising.

GEORGE BANCROFT, the historian, spends all his spare time in tending to his roses.

THE Comtesse de Paris, on one of the early days of the season, shot upward of 40 brace of grouse.

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DOGS in Austria are trained in the army to carry messages and munition, to guard places and depots, and to perform outpost duty. It has been found that the best dogs for warlike occupations are pointers, sheep dogs and poodles.

THE stream on the Magdalen Islands has been so severe this season that, in the absence of water, farmers have had to give their cattle salt to drink. Yet the crops are good. A demolition inspector of revenue makes this statement.

VERYMONT and New Hampshire are both very anxious to increase their population, which is steadily dwindling outside of a few cities and large towns. Organized efforts are made in each State to bring in people from outside to cultivate the abandoned farms, and it is even proposed to send to Sweden and Norway for immigrants. But why not look? There are tens and hundreds of thousands of negroes in the South who want to leave their present homes, and whose white neighbors want to have them leave. There is serious talk of a movement to transport them in large numbers to the Territories in the Northwest, which cover the same degree of latitude as Vermont and New Hampshire. Not until we have a return and see no good results, then again outlay for negro education under the public school system amounts to \$340,000, ninety per cent. of which is paid by white taxpayers. In addition there are the Hampton Normal School and Petersburg Institute, both of which receive large yearly appropriations. Now, when you add to this the cost of the colored insane asylum at Petersburg, \$140,000 a year, and the criminal expenses of over \$220,000, eighty per cent. of which are for colored criminals, you can readily see that it runs up to an enormous total, the result of which is that the negro, the white people is very sensible, and under which, as I said, they are growing very restive. I repeat that I regret to see this widening gap between the races, but I see no remedy for it as long as the colored people as a mass pursue their present political course, and remain wholly blind to a proper recognition of what the white people have done and are still doing for them in the respects above-mentioned."

GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND says that the French did not care two cents about French politics, will be represented in the next Chamber of Deputies. The De Grummond and De Moys, the De Junes, De Viques, De Monthureauxs, have been frequently in political assemblies in recent times. Some of them are elected, some defeated in this last struggle.

Mr. Frank Talbot, of Danville, and a nephew of James B. Pace, of Richmond, is in Ashland visiting college acquaintances.

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CHARLOTTEVILLE, September 26.—[Correspondence.]—A local Improvement Society has concluded a contract, the papers being signed, with Armstrong, of Utica, N. Y., for the building here of a large knitting factory, to employ at the start 160 hands. He is conferring with builders to-day, with a view to building immediately.

Mr. Morris Watson died in Mississippi yesterday. No particulars have been received. He was the son of W. A. Watson, of this city.

KING AND QUEEN NOTES.

CUMBERLAND, September 23.—[Special Correspondence.]—It has been mentioned in the TIMES that James Speer Jones, the nominee of the Democrats of this county to a seat on the Board of Delegates, is a man in some of the highest families. He is a son of the Honorable Judge J. H. C. Jones, a grandson of that worthy gentleman, James Smith, Esq., and in every respect fitted to bear the honors of his ancestors. The county will do itself credit in giving him the seat vacated by Mr. Henry R. Pollard. The Republicans have no nominees as yet. They would be leader remarked lately, with the gravity of a sage: "If you skin a pine pole and set it up calling it Republican, we would vote for it." Some truth in that, we believe.

STOPPING a few hours recently with William Campbell, Esq., and his wife, at their home in Utica, he told us that he had just come from a visit to the iron works at Birmingham, in England, where he had been engaged in the manufacture of iron castings. He could hardly walk, unless a crutch followed him.

PORTSMOUTH, Friday, Sept. 27, night. Accommodate, Sunday.

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